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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF YUGOSLAV WORKING PAPER/PROPOSAL ON
NATIONAL MINORITIES CIRCULATED NOVEMBER 11.

BEGIN TEXT:

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION OF YUGOSLAVIA
WORKING PAPER ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE
FINAL ACT RELATED TO THE QUESTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES,
AIMED AT PROMOTING THEIR RIGHTS AND POSITION
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DURING THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THE BELGRADE MEETING MANY
DELEGATIONS HAVE EMPHASIZED HOW IMPORTANT IS THE DEVELOPMENT
OF CO-OPERATION AMONG THE PARTICIPATING STATES IN THE
FULFILMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT RELATED TO THE
POSITION AND RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES, FOR THE PROMOTION
OF RELATIONS IN EUROPE. IN THIS, THE YUGOSLAV

DELEGATION PROCEEDS FROM THE FACT THAT NATIONAL MINORITIES CAN CONSTITUTE AN ELEMENT OF RAPPROCHEMENT AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN THOSE IN WHICH MINORITIES LIVE AND THE COUNTRIES WHERE NATIONS OF THE SAME ETHNIC ORIGIN LIVE, ONLY WHEN ALL-ROUND NATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRESS IS ENSURED TO THEM.

IN THIS CONNEXION CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN THAT FIELD, ACHIEVED AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL ACT, CAN BE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION. HOWEVER, THERE WERE ALSO SERIOUS EXAMPLES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT RELATED TO NATIONAL MINORITIES, AND THIS CALLS FOR FURTHER EFFORTS BY THE PARTICIPATING STATES WITH A VIEW TO FULFILLING THE OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED BY THEM.

THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION CONSIDERS THAT AT THE BELGRADE MEETING THE PARTICIPATING STATES SHOULD RECONFIRM THE OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED UNDER THE FINAL ACT REGARDING NATIONAL MINORITIES AND EXPRESS THEIR READINESS TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

IN CONFIRMING THEIR PREPAREDNESS TO ENSURE TO NATIONAL MINORITIES AS ALL-ROUND NATIONAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, WITHOUT ANY DISCRIMINATION, THE PARTICIPATING STATES WILL, INTER ALIA:

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- ADOPT THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS IN RESPECT OF NATIONAL MINORITIES, BOTH THOSE ARISING FROM THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THOSE ARISING FROM THE AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE PARTIES³

- EXTEND MUTUAL CONTACT AND ENCOURAGE THE HOLDING OF SEMINARS AND OTHER FORMS OF CO-OPERATION, INCLUDING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES AIMED AT PROMOTING THE POSITION AND RIGHTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES³

- IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE, EDUCATION AND RELATED FIELDS, TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF NATIONAL MINORITIES WHOSE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE FULLY INCLUDED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES IN THE CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED FIELDS.

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